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Kato plots Kitende netball comeback after Elite Games setback

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St Mary's Secondary School Kitende head coach Nouriden Kato has declared that the former USSSA national and FEASSA netball champions are plotting a strong return ahead of this year's school championship.

Speaking to Vision Sport during the seventh Elite Games at Janan SS in Luwero, Kato revealed that the technical bench is satisfied with the squad's progress and ready to shift focus to intensive strength and conditioning once the school term resumes.

Kitende fell short at this year's Elite Games, surrendering the netball title to Buddo SS, a result Kato



St Mary's Kitende netball side (R) in action at one of the events

believes could serve as timely motivation. "Our failure to defend the netball title is an eye-opener as we prepare for the district, regional, national and even international competitions," Kato noted.

The coach emphasised that reclaiming the Uganda Secondary Schools Sports Association (USSSA) National Netball trophy remains their immediate target having lost it in 2025.